

# Motor Vehicle Ownership Transfer: **RELEASE OF LIENHOLDER**

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

## Directions for when you pay off a vehicle loan/change in lienholder:

When you pay off your vehicle loan and the lienholder has released the Certificate of Title to you, you may record a vehicle in your name as both the registered owner(s) and lienholder(s).

### **Certificate of Title BACK: Section B**

- Make sure the lienholder has completed Section B.

### **Certificate of Title BACK: Section E**

- Complete the Application for transfer by new lienholder in Section E.
- If the vehicle is to be jointly owned/registered, both parties must sign.

### **Bring the following to a satellite city hall to transfer the vehicle title:**

- Certificate of Title that is properly endorsed by lienholder (release of lien), and owner(s).
- Last-issued Certificate of Registration.
- Current state of Hawaii Safety Inspection Certificate.

### **Transfer fees:**

- Motor vehicle ownership title transfer fee is \$10.
- If the last-issued Certificate of Registration has expired or will expire within 45 days, you will also be required to pay the annual registration renewal.
  - You can check online for the annual registration fee cost for a specific vehicle that is already registered in the City and County of Honolulu at [Honolulu Motor Vehicle Inquiry](https://www.honolulu.gov/honolulu-motor-vehicle-inquiry).
  - The total required fees and taxes will be determined by the satellite city hall when you present all required documents.

*Vehicle title transfer is not an Express Window transaction. Although not required, an appointment is recommended for this service. Make an appointment online at [AlohaQ.org](https://alohaq.org).*

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